

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) An image forming device comprising:
 - a transporting unit for transporting a document sheet by sheet to a specified reading position;
 - a document judgment unit for judging whether the document transported by said transporting unit is an electronically tagged printed matter that includes an electronic tag storing original image data;
 - a printing paper judgment unit for judging whether there is an instruction for printing the original image data on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an electronic tag;
 - a reading unit for reading the original image data from the electronic tag of the document which is judged as said electronically tagged printing matter by said document judgment unit, when said printing paper judgment unit judges that there is an instruction for printing on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with a electronic tag; and
 - a printing unit for printing the original image data on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an electronic tag, wherein the original image data is read by said reading unit, wherein
said printing unit issues a blank paper as an output, when a document is judged not as an electronically tagged matter by said document judgment unit

while said printing paper judgment unit judges that there is an instruction for printing on a printing paper equipped with a electronic tag.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) An image forming device of claim 1, wherein said electronic tag transmits or receives electronic data by means of wireless communications.

7. (Previously Presented) An image forming method comprising:
a transporting step of transporting a document sheet by sheet to a specified reading position;

a document judgment step of judging whether the document transported by said transporting step is an electronically tagged printed matter that includes an electronic tag storing original image data;

a printing paper judgment step of judging whether there is an instruction for printing the original image data on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an electronic tag;

a reading step of reading the original image data from the electronic tag of the document which is judged as said electronically tagged printing matter by said document judgment step, when said printing paper judgment step judges that there is an instruction for printing on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with a electronic tag; and

a printing step of printing the original image data on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an electronic tag, wherein the original image data is read by said reading step, wherein

said printing step issues a blank paper as an output, when a document is judged not as an electronically tagged matter by said judgment step while said printing paper judgment step judges that there is an instruction for printing on a printing paper equipped with a electronic tag.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Original) An image forming method of claim 7, wherein said electronic tag transmits or receives electronic data by means of wireless communications.

13. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium storing [[A]]
an image forming program recorded on a computer-readable medium for causing an
image forming device to execute:

a transporting step of transporting a document sheet by sheet to a
specified reading position;

a document judgment step of judging whether a document transported
by said transporting step is an electronically tagged printed matter that includes an
electronic tag storing original image data;

a printing paper judgment step of judging whether there is an
instruction for printing the original image data on an electronically tagged printing
paper equipped with an electronic tag;

a reading step of reading the original image data from the electronic
tag of the document which is judged as said electronically tagged printing matter by
said document judgment step, when said printing paper judgment step judges that
there is an instruction for printing on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped
with a electronic tag; and

a printing step of printing the original image data on an electronically
tagged printing paper equipped with an electronic tag, wherein the original image
data is read by said reading step, wherein

said printing step issues a blank paper as an output, when a document
is judged not as an electronically tagged matter by said document judgment step
while said printing paper judgment step judges that there is an instruction for printing
on a printing paper equipped with a electronic tag.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium storing [[A]]
an image forming program of claim 13, wherein said electronic tag transmits or
receives electronic data by means of wireless communications.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously Presented) An image forming device comprising:
a transporting unit for transporting a document sheet by sheet to a
specified reading position;
a document judgment unit for judging whether the document
transported by said transporting unit is an electronically tagged printed matter that
includes an electronic tag storing original image data;
a printing paper judgment unit for judging whether there is an
instruction for printing the original image data on an electronically tagged printing
paper equipped with an electronic tag;

a reading unit for reading the original image data from the electronic tag of the document which is judged as the electronically tagged printing matter by said document judgment unit, when said printing paper judgment unit judges that there is an instruction for printing on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with a electronic tag; and

a printing unit for printing the original image data on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an electronic tag, wherein the original image data is read by said reading unit, wherein

said printing unit issues no output, when a document is judged not as an electronically tagged matter by said document judgment unit while said printing paper judgment unit judges that there is an instruction for printing on a printing paper equipped with a electronic tag.

21. (Previously Presented) An image forming device comprising:

a first judgment unit for judging whether a series of documents set on document tray contains at least one electronically tagged printed matter that includes an electronic tag storing original image data;

a transporting unit for transporting documents sheet by sheet to a specified reading position;

a scanning unit for acquiring an image by scanning the documents transported by the transporting unit, when said first judgment unit judges that a series of documents contains no electronically tagged printed matter;

a printing unit for printing the image acquired by said scanning unit;

a second judgment unit for individually judging whether each of the documents transported by the transporting unit is an electronically tagged printed matter, when said first judgment unit judges that a series of documents contains at least one electronically tagged printed matter; and

a reading unit for reading the original image data from the electronic tag of the document which is judged as said electronically tagged printing matter by said second judgment unit, wherein

said printing unit further prints the original image data read by said reading unit.

22. (Previously Presented) An image forming device of claim 20, wherein said electronic tag transmits or receives electronic data by means of wireless communications.

23. (Previously Presented) An image forming device of claim 21, wherein said electronic tag transmits or receives electronic data by means of wireless communications.

24. (Previously Presented) An image forming method comprising:
a transporting step of transporting a document sheet by sheet to a specified reading position;
a document judgment step of judging whether the document transported by said transporting step is an electronically tagged printed matter that includes an electronic tag storing original image data;

a printing paper judgment step of judging whether there is an instruction for printing original image data on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an electronic tag;

a reading step of reading the original image data from the electronic tag of the document which is judged as the electronically tagged printing matter by said document judgment step, when said printing paper judgment step judges that there is an instruction for printing on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with a electronic tag; and

a printing step of printing the original image data on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an electronic tag, wherein the original image data is read by said reading step, wherein

said printing step issues no output, when a document is judged not as an electronically tagged matter by said document judgment step while said printing paper judgment step judges that there is an instruction for printing on a printing paper equipped with a electronic tag.

25. (Previously Presented) An image forming method comprising:

a first judgment step of judging whether a series of documents set on document tray contains at least one electronically tagged printed matter that includes an electronic tag storing original image data;

a transporting step of transporting documents sheet by sheet to a specified reading position;

a scanning step of acquiring an image by scanning the documents transported by the transporting step, when said first judgment step judges that a series of documents contains no electronically tagged printed matter;

a printing step of printing the image acquired by said scanning step;

a second judgment step of individually judging whether each of the documents transported by the transporting step is an electronically tagged printed matter, when said first judgment step judges that a series of documents contains at least one electronically tagged printed matter; and

a reading step of reading the original image data from the electronic tag of the document which is judged as said electronically tagged printing matter by said second judgment step, wherein

said printing step further prints the original image data read by said reading step.

26. (Previously Presented) An image forming method of claim 24, wherein said electronic tag transmits or receives electronic data by means of wireless communications.

27. (Previously Presented) An image forming method of claim 25, wherein said electronic tag transmits or receives electronic data by means of wireless communications.

28. (Previously Presented) A computer readable recording medium storing an image forming program for causing an image forming device to execute:

a transporting step of transporting a document sheet by sheet to a specified reading position;

a document judgment step of judging whether the document transported by said transporting step is an electronically tagged printed matter that includes an electronic tag storing original image data;

a printing paper judgment step of judging whether there is an instruction for printing the original image data on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an electronic tag;

a reading step of reading the original image data from the electronic tag of the document which is judged as the electronically tagged printing matter by said document judgment step, when said printing paper judgment step judges that there is an instruction for printing on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with a electronic tag; and

a printing step of printing the original image data on an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an electronic tag, wherein the original image data is read by said reading step, wherein

said printing step issues no output, when a document is judged not as an electronically tagged matter by said document judgment step while said printing paper judgment step judges that there is an instruction for printing on a printing paper equipped with a electronic tag.

29. (Previously Presented) A computer readable recording medium storing an image forming program for causing an image forming device to execute:

a first judgment step of judging whether a series of documents set on document tray contains at least one electronically tagged printed matter that includes an electronic tag storing original image data;

a transporting step of transporting documents sheet by sheet to a specified reading position;

a scanning step of acquiring an image by scanning the documents transported by the transporting step, when said first judgment step judges that a series of documents contains no electronically tagged printed matter;

a printing step of printing the image acquired by said scanning step;

a second judgment step of individually judging whether each of the documents transported by the transporting step is an electronically tagged printed matter, when said first judgment step judges that a series of documents contains at least one electronically tagged printed matter; and

a reading step of reading the original image data from the electronic tag of the document which is judged as said electronically tagged printing matter by said second judgment step, wherein

said printing step further prints the original image data read by said reading step.

30. (Previously Presented) The image forming program of claim 28, wherein said electronic tag transmits or receives electronic data by means of wireless communications.

31. (Previously Presented) The image forming program of claim 29, wherein said electronic tag transmits or receives electronic data by means of wireless communications.

32. (New) The image forming device of claim 1 further comprising:
a writing unit for writing the original image data read by said reading unit into the electronic tag of an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with a electronic tag; wherein

said printing unit is only allowed to print the original image data read from the electronic tag when a document is an electronically tagged printed matter and its electronic tag does not store copy prohibiting information;

said writing unit is only allowed to write the original image data into the electronic tag of an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an electronic tag when a document is an electronically tagged printed matter and its electronic tag does not store copy prohibiting information; and

said printing unit issues a blank paper as an output and said writing unit does not write the original image data into the electronic tag of an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an electronic tag, when a document is judged not as an electronically tagged matter by said document judgment unit while said printing paper judgment unit judges that there is an instruction for printing on a printing paper equipped with a electronic tag.

33. (New) The image forming device of claim 1 further comprising:

a writing unit for writing the original image data read by said reading unit into the electronic tag of an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with a electronic tag; wherein

said printing unit is only allowed to print the original image data read from the electronic tag when a document is an electronically tagged printed matter and its electronic tag does not store copy prohibiting information;

said writing unit is only allowed to write the original image data into the electronic tag of an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an electronic tag when a document is an electronically tagged printed matter and its electronic tag does not store copy prohibiting information; and

said printing unit issues no output and said writing unit does not write the original image data into the electronic tag of an electronically tagged printing paper equipped with an electronic tag, when a document is judged not as an electronically tagged matter by said document judgment unit while said printing paper judgment unit judges that there is an instruction for printing on a printing paper equipped with a electronic tag.

34. (New) The image forming device of claim 21, wherein

said scanning unit acquires the image by scanning the document judged not as an electronically tagged printed matter by said second judgment unit; and

said printing unit prints the original image data read from the electronic tag by said reading unit when the document is judged as an electronically tagged printed matter by said second judgment unit, and print the image data acquired by

said scanning unit when the document is judged not as an electronically tagged
printed matter by said second judgment unit.